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RECREATION FACILITY IMPACTS DUE TO HIGH WATER FOR THE WEEKEND OF 30 JULY 2004

PITTSBURGH – Recent heavy rains and resulting high lake levels have led to the closure or partial closure of a number of recreation facilities at US Army Corps of Engineers projects in the Pittsburgh District. The impacts are listed below for those facilities that are affected. Recreation areas will reopen as the pool levels recede and debris cleanup is accomplished. The status is subject to change based on any additional rain that is received and it is recommended that members of the public call the recorded 24-hour information line or the specific recreation facility for updates.

Crooked Creek Lake, Pa. – The boat launch, beach and organized group campground are currently closed and it is doubtful that they will reopen in time for weekend visitors. The family campground and picnic areas are unaffected by the high water level and are available for use. (24-hour recorded message, 724-763-2764)

Conemaugh River Lake, Pa. – The Bow Ridge boat access (for the physically challenged) is currently closed due to high lake levels. (Project Office, 724-459-7240; 24-hour recorded message, 724-639-3785)

Loyalhanna Lake, Pa. – The boat launch at the Bush Recreation Area is closed and at this time it is uncertain if the lake level will drop enough to open it back up for the weekend. The campground remains open. (24-hour recorded message, 724-639-3785)

Tionesta Lake, Pa. – The Corps' Boat Launch and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's boat launch at the Nebraska Access Area are both closed. The boat-in campsites at Glasner Run and Lackey Flats are also unavailable. It is doubtful that these facilities will reopen in time for weekend visitors. The other campgrounds and picnic areas at the project are unaffected by high water at this time and are available for use. (Project Office, 814-755-3512; 24-hour recorded message not available)

There are no recreation facility closures to report at the remaining reservoirs in the Pittsburgh District – Berlin Lake, East Branch Clarion River Lake, Kinzua Dam/ Allegheny Reservoir, Mahoning Creek Lake, Michael J. Kirwan Dam and Reservoir, Mosquito Creek Lake, Shenango River Lake, Stonewall Jackson Lake, Tygart Lake, Union City Dam and Reservoir, Woodcock Creek Lake and Youghiogheny River Lake.